GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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EXPANSION OF TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken steps to expand and raise the capacity to provide telephone connections to the applicants where waiting list exceeds largely than the existing capacity of Telephone Exchanges;

(b) if so, the details of such Exchanges, State-wise; and

(c) its present position thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Expansion and raising the capacity of the exchanges is a continuous process because of the dynamic status of `Waiting list`. It is planned to add 64.76 lakh lines of fixed phones during 2001-02. The state-wise details are as per Annexure.

ANNEXURE

FIXED TELEPHONES CAPACITY TARGET FOR 2001-2002 AND WAITING LIST AS ON 31.10.2001

Sl. No.	STATE	CAPACITY	WAITING LIST (AS ON 31.01.01)
1	A & Nicobar	7100	848
2	Andhra Pradesh	610600	146469
3	Assam	86600	26797
4	Bihar	190600	108334
5	Chhatisgarh	20200	10013
6	Delhi	175000	20079
7	Gujarat	629500	202334
8	Haryana	235900	130836
9	Himachal Pr	101000	50100
10	Jammu & Kashmir	59800	48713
11	Jharkhand	52700	29558
12	Karnataka	445300	188660
13	Kerala	563700	845235
14	Madhya Pradesh	50500	17316
15	Maharashtra+	929500	361182
16	North East-I++	22600	11512
17	North East-II++	10600	11801
18	Orissa	115800	85028
19	Punjab	352600	208868
20	Rajasthan	249300	159766
21	Tamilnadu	512800	124606
22	Uttar Pradesh	417200	224979
23	Uttaranchal	82700	20070
24	West Bengal+++	554000	239307

Note: + Maharashtra includes Goa & Mumbai (MTNL)
++ NE-I includes Meghalaya, Mizoram & Tripura.
++ NE-II includes Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh & Manipur.
+++ West Bengal includes Sikkim.